

Swampscott Renewable Energy Committee

Agenda

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Tuesday 23 January 2024 at 7:00 PM
Virtual Meeting on Microsoft Teams

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1. Approve minutes from the REC meeting held on October 10, 2023

2. Green Communities 2.0 update

New program called "Climate Leader" has potential grant opportunities. <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/climate-leader-communities>

We are part-way there but In order to qualify, our town needs to complete the following:

- Getting the "Specialized" Energy Code Adopted.
- Creating a "Municipal Net-zero Roadmap". We applied for assistance from DOER
- Discussion: REC to be the champion and help with implementation. Here are slides to begin socializing this step with Select Board, Planning Board etc:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1xHZ8O3OY4qKeoXVvC_3lJgYvKJRsvRV9w/edit#slide=id.p1

3. REC priorities for 2024

Discuss: (Specialized Code adoption, Climate Leader, Net-zero Roadmap, Community First Program support, EV Charging stations, Outreach and Education)

4. Other business

a. REC Committee slot is open. Rich Frenkel has applied.

b. CAPC/REC input to Vinnin Sq Design Guidelines was sent to Marissa

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ap63Dmv8GesTSa98Ttjv79hq8qPy3FWj3h5ZpZ6bFP8/edit>

c. A meeting occurred Jan 10th to discuss Specialized Energy code with a few town stakeholders. Potential to vote at an upcoming town meeting (Feb or May). Town Meeting approval would be needed to achieve "Climate Leader" status.

d. Review of REC website updates

- i. Initial updates are done and electrification Fact Sheets have been posted
- ii. Need to work on the next level of updates - any volunteers to work on this?
- iii. What other useful information can be posted, such as guidance on Solar or Heat Pumps

e. Grant opportunities

- i. We did not receive MAPC grant - which may have funded a Sustainability Manager.
- ii. META Grant opportunity (Municipal Energy Technical Assistance) per recommendation from Max - Applying for EVIP grant would be preferable
- iii. EVIP grants for EV charging stations are available on a rolling basis. Green Communities also recommended we apply [MassEVIP](#). Work with Max to get cost estimates/locations.
- iv. List of grants compiled by Diana

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/16R5eexJVU8QIB-0x4tyRhL2irTFfJUCjr1MYpFR16l/edit#gid=0>

- f. Revisit Solarize campaign. Is there a list of preferred vendors we can recommend to the community? New England Solar (for Hot Water heaters), Boston Solar (for PV panels), and NE Ductless (for heat pumps)? Nexamp - community solar. (Ryan - any update?)
- g. Outreach Actions:
 - i. Select Board
 - ii. Other: Engage local contractors to get feedback, promote going Electric, Community learning efforts; Electrification tours (houses), EV days, have local vendors to come out and support events
- h. Community First Program update (According to Revise, we achieved our targets for 2023. Energy Advocate for Lynn has been hired and onboard.)
- i. Community Power update. Head up that CleanChoice energy will be tabling at Swampscott Stop&Shop.
- j. Resilient Swampscott - progress update. Proposed updates to CAPC website:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/16_xz2-N9B9O5fHGkpqygkhr4TbBqPI2SVQ02x_oyRok/edit
- k. Continue to work actions in Resilient Swampscott plan
https://www.swampscottma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif1296/f/uploads/2023.04.24_climate_action_plan_final.pdf

5. Next meeting date

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